TRI VALLEY CORP Form 8-K April 11, 2011

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT

Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

April 11, 2011

Tri-Valley Corporation

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 001-31852 94-1585250 (State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer

incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

4550 California Ave., Suite 600 Bakersfield, California 93309

(Address of principal executive office)

Issuer's telephone number: 661-864-0500

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Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure.

The President and Chief Executive Officer of Tri-Valley Corporation (the "Company"), Maston N. Cunningham, will address investors at the IPAA Oil & Gas Investment Symposium, New York, on April 12 and 13, 2011. The slides accompanying Mr. Cunningham's presentation are attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. An archived webcast of the presentation will be available at the Company's website at www.tri-valleycorp.com under the "Investor Center" tab.

The information in this Current Report on Form 8-K, including Exhibit 99.1, is furnished pursuant to Item 7.01 and shall not be deemed "filed" for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liability of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) <u>Exhibit</u> <u>Number</u>	Exhibits Description of Exhibit
99.1	Tri-Valley Corporation Investor Presentation at the IPAA Oil & Gas Investment Symposium, New York, April 2011

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Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

TRI-VALLEY CORPORATION

Date: April 11, 2011 /s/ Maston N. Cunningham

Maston N. Cunningham, President and Chief Executive Officer

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